

## Mary Lou Terrien

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**From:** District 64  
**To:** Terrien, Mary Lou  
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Dear Rep. Griffin,

I'm currently a state employee in your district that has extreme concerns and comments with HB5954 that was introduced yesterday (3/11/10).

My concern is that I will not qualify as an eligible retiree (55 years age with at least 30 years service) during the proposed window of July 1 thru October 1.

This will cause the following to apply:

- State-subsidized retiree vision and dental coverage is eliminated for state employees retiring with an effective date after October 1, 2010. Retirees will be able to purchase vision and dental coverage at their own cost through the state plan.

I will be eligible for regular state retirement effective Dec. 1, 2010. I will be 55 on 11/29/10. I currently have over 40 years of retirement service credit (purchased 5 years).

My comment and question is that with over 40 years of service credit, this bill should be amended to allow me the opportunity to retire without losing my dental and vision coverage.

My suggestion to amend the bill would be to extend the eligible window from July 1 – Dec 31. Also, another suggestion is to at least allow anyone with 40 years service the opportunity to retire.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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